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Dear Sylvia,

I hope your recovery is proceeding as well as it should.

If they keep their word and pay my expenses in advance I'll be in New York for the gathering of the nuts. Lane has been discouraging them. It is now again clear that he is off on another self-promotion, having gotten all the mileage he could on Garrison, Fonda and the Indians. There are two more such affairs at which he is the keynoter and there have been two. All the public attention, which is considerable, is essentially hurtful where it counts.

I've been ripped off too many times to go without expenses in advance.

The real purpose in writing is to ask you about the cards to your index of Accessories.

Gradually I'm getting all the index cards to all my books consolidated. This means there will be a consolidated index to all my writing, whether or not printed. Each card is coded so the book is identified. I think that for the future this can be a valuable research tool.

I can't and don't take time for this. However, from time to time there are young women wanting to do something and they have been doing this job. Right now there is another such volunteer. She started this yesterday and plans to spend parts of two days a week here so there is a prospect that except for Post Mortem, which I am always seeking to be able to print and have another effort under way now, soon all my index cards will be in one index.

If you have no need for the cards on which you did yours - and if they are ~~3x5~~ 3x5 - they can be run in. When Howard's book appears I'll ask the same of him. For the most part the other books are not worth it. They best are redundant and hold little if any future research values worth this kind of effort now when I can't even afford a cabinet for storage and have to keep them all in boxes.

Getting the index written out by hand from the printed index is too much now.

In the end all my files will wind up in a college but I doubt this kind of work would be undertaken by any so I am trying to get it done now.

If you can part with your cards, I'd welcome them because I would want your fine work represented and referred to. However, if you can part with them I'd prefer hand carrying, by me or someone else, not risking them to the mails.

Plesae keep this to yourself. If I am in New York I will undetake to use the appearance for a separations of sheeps and goats. These self-promoters are ruining the best chance we've had in years. I can't take time for explanationx but some ought be obvious to you. It comes at a time when my efforts to get the suppressed are uniformly productive and the real question is responsible use. However, I also have to keep these nuts from misusing it at least first. You are not hearing this for the first time. Jim Lesar has really gotten hold of the proper ways or doing things and our major problems now are time and no financing. But we are now in a position to blow the whole thing apart. If a fraction of the effort that has gone into the cheap shots had been devoted to what I've already gotten and done it might have been accomplished.

If I do go to New York you'll know. I'll go a day earlier and maybe we can get a few quiet minutes together then. Thereafter I expect it to be pretty rough.

Best,